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Book Notices.

Weidner's Bible Studies.

Studies in the Book. By Revere Franklin Weidner. 3 vols., covering the New Testament. Chicago and New York: F. H. Revell. Pp. VI., 122; 109; 108.

These little books are crammed with brief hints and condensed helps for the study of the New Testament. They aim to bring the student into direct contact with the Scriptures. They contain respectively, twenty, nine and thirteen "studies" on separate Books. The first series contains also a set of outline studies on the Holy Spirit. It is a mistake to mix up these latter doctrinal studies with the purely Scriptural work, as Prof. Weidner has done in the first volume. He has wisely confined himself in the remaining volumes to purely biblical work. The position on questions of Biblical Criticism taken by the writer is one of strong conservatism. He nowhere departs from the "older" views, even claiming the authorship of Hebrews for Paul. Still he admits statements of opposing views and is generally quite fair in presenting them. The method adopted is not in all respects commendable. But there are many ways of studying the Bible and some minds will be especially attracted and benefited by this method. Surely any one who puts forth such labor in behalf of sound knowledge of the Word as many pages of these volumes disclose deserves the thanks of all who are interested in the advancement of this great cause. These volumes are clearly printed and interleaved for the benefit of students who may desire to work more deeply into the truth.

Delitzsch on Isaiah.

Biblical Commentary on the Prophecies of Isaiah. By Franz Delitzsch, D. D. Authorized translation from the Third Edition by the Rev. James Denney, D. D. In 2 vols. New York: Funk and Wagnalls.

This profound and most valuable work of the late Dr. Franz Delitzsch needs no word of praise to recommend it to the biblical student. It is important, however, that the student know exactly what he is buying when he proposes to add a copy of Delitzsch on Isaiah to his library. Up to and including the third edition of this commentary, the author held what may be called the conservative view of the unity of the Book of Isaiah. On that view he based his exegesis. But with the fourth edition, issued a short time before his death, a change was made. The unity of the Book was given up. The modern view was accepted and the implications relating to exegesis connected with this view were taken into account. The fourth edition is, therefore, a new book containing Dr. Delitzsch's latest work on Isaiah. That edition has been translated and published by Messrs. T. and T. Clark of Edinburgh. The work before us is a translation of the *third* edition and, therefore, represents the former, and, in some respects, abandoned positions. But as these positions are those concerned chiefly with Biblical Criticism and secondarily only